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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berler et al (U.S. 2004/0100915) and Lauper et al (U.S. 6,717,607).

As per claims 9,1-2,6 Berler disclosed a method for establishing an electronic convention comprising the steps of: (a) providing a central server programmed with convention software adapted (i) to register participants to a convention over a publicly accessible or privately accessible computer network, (ii) make available over said publicly accessible or privately accessible computer network information of interest to said participants to said convention (Page. 2, Paragraph. 0015); and (iii) receive information from said participants over said publicly accessible or privately accessible computer network (Page. 1, Paragraph. 0014);

However Berler did not disclose in detail (b) providing a screen to convention participants to provide the functions of a presentation by a speaker, said screens including: (i) a picture of the speaker, (ii) a window with a scrolling feature incorporating the text of the speech of the speaker, and (iii) an invitation to submit a question to the speaker, (iv) a field for receiving said question, and (v) a button for sending said question to set speaker to be included with any response within said window with a scrolling feature.

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In the same field of endeavor Lauper disclosed the eye tracking data as well as the participant image data are transmitted to a central unit, the central unit determining for each participant according to the indications of the eye tracking data of the respective participants in this resolution and/or at this video transmission rate. This embodiment has the advantage inter alia that with a large number of participants the network load remains small. Through the central reduction of the participant image data, the calculating capacity of the individual video conference participants stations likewise remain small, for example compared to other solutions (col. 3, lines 23-36).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at time of the invention was made to have incorporated the eye tracking data as well as the participant image data are transmitted to a central unit, the central unit determining for each participant according to the indications of the eye tracking data of the respective participants in this resolution and/or at this video transmission rate. This embodiment has the advantage inter alia that with a large number of participants the network load remains small. Through the central reduction of the participant image data, the calculating capacity of the individual video conference participants stations likewise remain small, for example compared to other solutions as taught by Lauper in the method of Berler to provide industry accepted standards for facilitating video conferencing interconnectivity (Page. 1, Paragraph. 0013).

3. As per claims 10,5,25 Berler-Lauper disclosed a method for establishing an electronic convention comprising the steps of: (a) providing a central server programmed with convention

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software adapted (i) to register participants to a convention over a publicly accessible or privately accessible computer network, (ii) make available over said publicly accessible or privately accessible computer network information of interest to said participants to said convention (Berler, Page. 2, Paragraph. 0015); an (iii) receive information from said participants over said publicly accessible or privately accessible computer network; and (b) providing a screen to participants from said central server, said screen serving as a bulletin board and including general messages to participants located in areas organized according to topic (Lauper, col. 3, lines 23-36).

4. As per claims 3,26 Berler-Lauper disclosed wherein said second server provides a plurality of pages, at least half of said pages on said second server having a respective button which may be clicked on to return a convention registrant to said central server (Lauper, col. 3, lines 57-67).

5. As per claim 4 Berler-Lauper disclosed wherein said second server provides a plurality of pages, at least half of said pages on said second server having a respective button which may be clicked on to return a convention registrant to said central server (Lauper, col. 3, lines 57-67).

6. As per claim 7 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the steps of: (f) detecting the clicking by a potential registrant on any function meant to present a website page other than one of said limited number of website pages; and (g) making available to potential registrants, in response to the detection of the clicking on a function meant to present a website page other than

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one of said limited number of website pages, said -page receiving identification and money transfer information (Lauper, col. 6, lines 50-66).

7. As per claim 8 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the steps of: (h) giving a potential registrant who has been given the option in response to the detection of the clicking on a function. meant to present a website page other than one of said limited number of website pages, said page receiving identification and money transfer information, further option of deciding not to register; and (i) returning said potential registrant to the limited access browsing allowed by the system (Lauper, col. 6, lines 50-66).

8. As per claims 11,27 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the step of: providing a plurality of screens to participants from said central server, at least one of said screens including a hyperlink which may be clicked on to transfer traffic to a second server other than said central server, said second server performing at least one convention function (Lauper, col. 6, lines 43-63).

9. As per claim 12 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the step of: providing a screen providing the option to convention registrants of a convention email account with a known limited period of existence, said screen informing the registrant respecting the time limited nature of said convention e-mail account (Berler, Page. 2, Paragraph. 0015).

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10. As per claim 13 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the steps of: (a) making available to potential registrants to said electronic convention a page receiving identification and money transfer information; (b) making available to persons which register into said electronic convention all website pages; and (c) making available to persons who do not register into said electronic convention only a limited number of website pages (Lauper, col. 6, lines 50-66).

11. As per claims 14,16-17,20-21,23-24 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the step of: providing a screen to convention participants to provide the functions of a presentation by a speaker, said screens presented: (i) a picture of the speaker, (ii) a window with a scrolling feature incorporating the text of the speech of speaker, and (iii) an invitation to submit a question to the speaker (Lauper, col. 2, lines 37-51), (iv) a field for receiving said question, and (v) a button for sending said question to set speaker to be included with any response within said window with a scrolling feature (Lauper, col. 2, lines 50-61).

12. As per claims 15,19,22 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the steps of: (a) making available to potential registrants to said electronic convention a page receiving identification and money transfer information; (b) making available to persons which register into said electronic convention all website pages; and (c) making available to persons who do not register into said electronic convention only a limited number of website pages (Lauper, col. 6, lines 50-66).

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13. As per claim 18 Berler-Lauper disclosed further comprising the step of: providing a screen providing the option to convention registrants of a convention email account with a known limited period of existence, said screen informing the registrant respecting the time limited nature of said convention e-mail account (Berler, Page. 1, 0014).

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

15. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey can be reached on (571)-272-3896. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

16. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-746-7239 (For Status Inquiries, Informal or Draft Communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT");

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(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

17. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

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